

Columbus Grove Boys Win Division V State Championship

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COLUMBUS GROVE – Columbus Grove had a good start to the boys Division V track and field tournament at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium Thursday.

After a double placement in the long jump, the Bulldogs followed that up with six more placements Friday as they claimed the Division V state championship.

Columbus Grove won their second state championship finishing with 42.5 points as Ansonia finished second with 39 points. Pandora-Gilboa finished 34th among the teams that scored with seven points.

The state championship for the Bulldogs is the first for long time head coach Chris Grothouse who headed off into retirement after the season concluded.

Trevon Baxter and Gavin Baxter continued their strong tournament run in the long jump with a first and fourth place finish in the event for 15 points. Trevon Baxter won the long jump with a top leap of 22'8¼", while Gavin Baxter finished fourth with a jump of 22'2¾".

Sophomore Preston Ellerbrock tied for fifth place in the high jump as he cleared 6'4", while senior Jarrod Holland just missed placing as he cleared 6'2".

On the track Friday the Bulldogs had a pair of runner-up finishes as Gavin Baxter finished second in the 110 hurdles

with a time of 14.55. The sophomore finished second to McComb junior Carter Frater who won with a time of 14.52.

Gavin Baxter later joined brother Trevon Baxter, Body McCluer and Holland to finish second in the 4x200 relay in 42.68. Cuyahoga Heights won the race in 42.55.

Trevon Baxter finished sixth in the 100 dash for the Bulldogs running an 11.46, while he was sixth in the 200 dash running a 22.79. Caiden Squillante finished seventh in the 1600 meter run running a 4:23.62.